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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,450,394 issued September 12, 1995.
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,440,565 issued August 8, 1995.

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